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The Honorable Brandon J. C. Elefante, Chair and Members
Committee on Public Health, Safety and Welfare Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Dear Chair Elefante and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Resolution 17-189, Waikiki "Floatilla" Events

I am John D. McCarthy, Captain of District 6 (Waikiki) of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Resolution 17-189, Waikiki "Floatilla" Events. This resolution urges the Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt rules prohibiting alcohol use and disorderly behavior at Waikiki "Floatilla" events.

Passage of this Resolution would encourage rules to be made by the Department of Land and Natural Resources that would assist law enforcement and take steps toward ensuring public safety when these events are held.

Previous "Floatilla" events in Waikiki have significantly impacted the police staffing in the Waikiki district due to the large number of people attending the event and subsequent violations, such as underage drinking, alcohol-related injuries and incidents, and marine and beach littering consisting of discarded floating devices and alcohol cans and bottles.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

John D. McCarthy, Captain

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